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SUBJ: ANGOLA: HOLDING THE LINE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO ADVISE ME THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAD BEEN INFORMED OF MESSAGE CONTAINED REF A. DENNIS SAID TOLBERT REACTED VERY POSITIVELY. TOLBERT APPRECIATED MESSAGE AND SAID IT WOULD QTE ALLAY FEARS UNQTE. TOLBERT INSTRUCTED DENNIS TO INFORM US THAT LIBERIA WOULD STAND AND WOULD TRY ENCOURAGE OTHERS ADOPT ITS POSITION.

2. DENNIS URGED THAT, IF WE HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, WE MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO BRING PRESIDENT STEVENS OF SIERRA LEONE TO OUR SIDE. DENNIS BELIEVES STEVENS NEEDS ONLY A SMALL NUDGE. DENNIS SAYS TOLBERT RAISED SUBJECT WITH STEVENS AT MANO RIVER BRIDGE DEDICATION ON DECEMBER 12. THIS CAUSED STEVENS BEGIN RE-THINK HIS POSITION. YESTERDAY, SIERRA LEONE FOREIGN MINISTER PASSED THROUGH MONROVIA AND DENNIS SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH HIM DURING WHICH ANGOLA WAS DISCUSSED. DENNIS BELIEVES HE PERSUADED SIERRA LEONE FONMIN TO SEE MATTER IN SAME LIGHT AS WE. HE BELIEVES THAT IF WE SPEAK TO STEVENS ALONG LINES REF A, STEVENS WILL SUPPORT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

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